

***“Bridging the Gap” Phase 1***  
***City of Seattle 2006 Transportation Initiative***

## **Highlights**

- **Seattle will:**
  - **Pave city streets – tripling investment in arterial maintenance**
  - **Reduce projected transportation maintenance backlog by 50% by 2015**
  - **Increase pedestrian & bike safety – quadrupling investment in pedestrian programs**
  - **Repair/seismically upgrade bridges**
  - **Build sidewalks to parks & schools**
  - **Build bike trails**
  - **Improve transit**
  - **Improve freight delivery**
- **9-year program generates about \$545 million between 2007 & 2015:**
  - **Voter-approved levy lid lift raises \$365 million**  
*Levy rate escalates by 1% annually (effectively lowering property taxes by 18% over initial proposal)*
  - **New Council-approved commercial parking tax raises \$128 million**
  - **New Council-approved business transportation tax raises \$52 million**
- **Accountability added – voters will decide whether to renew property tax levy**

# **Where the Money Goes**

## **(2008\*)**

- \$21.2 million for Paving City Streets**
  - \$6.3 million for Bridges & Structures**
  - \$4.2 million for Signs, Signals & Safety**
  - \$2.7 million for Sidewalks, Trails, Walkways & Stairways**
  - \$7.5 million for Transit, Freight & Pedestrian Corridors**
  - \$8.5 million for Pedestrians, Bikes & Safety**
  - \$1.1 million for Trees & Landscaping**
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## **Total: \$51.5 million**

*\*First full year property tax, commercial parking tax & business transportation tax are collected*

## ***Bridging the Gap***

	<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>Total Plan</b>
<b>Duration</b>	9 years	20 years

### **Revenues**

- Property Tax Revenues
- Commercial Parking Tax Revenues
- Business Transportation Tax Revenues

\$365 million	\$1.1 billion
\$128 million	\$401 million
\$52 million	\$133 million

### **Total Revenues**

<b>\$545 million</b>	<b>\$1.6 billion</b>
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### **Transportation Improvements**

- Arterial Paving
- Bridge Rehabilitation
- Bridge Seismic Repair
- School Zone Pedestrian Improvements
- Trees Planted
- Transit Hours
- Pedestrian countdown signals installed
- Neighborhood Projects

360 lane miles	1,000 lane miles
5 Bridges	13 Bridges
3-5 Bridges	11 Bridges
36 Schools	100 Schools
7,200	16,000
45,000/year	45,000/year
558	1,600
180	400

